

EXAMINATION FOR COM- MON SCHOOL DIPLOMAS

The Sixth grade examination will be held at the following named places on the 11th and 12th of May:

Bennington, conducted by Prof. J. T. Ryle.
Bokchito, conducted by Prof. J. T. Ryle.
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Pleasant Hill, conducted by Prof. G. F. Hagood.
Kenefic, conducted by Prof. H. B. Deaton.
Mead, conducted by Prof. J. A. Tillman.
Durant, conducted by Prof. R. K. McIntosh.
Calers, conducted by Prof. J. A. Shirley.
Cebert, conducted by Prof. Geo. B. Morris.
Achille, conducted by Prof. C. W. Shaw.
Abany, conducted by Prof. M. F. Cottonham.
Roberta, conducted by Prof. J. A. Clay.

PROF. PARRIS RE-ELECTED

The local School Board, in session this week, decided to economize by dispensing with the services of a paid clerk of the board and impose the duties of clerk upon the city superintendent of schools. Mr. Parris, now serving his first year as city superintendent, being made clerk of the board for the ensuing year, indicates that he will be re-elected to the position of city superintendent. The board will probably select the faculty for the ensuing year. The board was reorganized, H. L. Cox being elected president and H. M. Taylor, vice president.

Biologists Field Day A Find

The naturalists at the normal journeyed out last Saturday into the open, by field and stream, in the closing field expedition of the term under the direction of Mr. M. M. Wickham, assisted by Prof. Floyd Hagood. The expedition was divided into three companies: botany, zoology and physiography. Mr. Wickham conducted the classes in botany and zoology, while Mr. Hagood directed the physiographers.

Assembling at 8:30 in the biological laboratories, diary notes were opened on the object of the division expeditions, and field equipment detailed to the classmen respectively. Then setting out from the campus, the class worked slowly northeastward toward the head of Shukwa, making an intensive study as they journeyed along open sandy path, or mossy forest floor, or rugged lichen-clad boulders that abated the path, huge and worn with the frosts and rains of centuries on their brow.

To the biologists possibly no better kaleidoscopic succession of ecological situations could any where be presented than greeted their eyes in Saturday's rambles through the field and beside the stream.

At the very outset from the campus, as the students took the sandy path that leads into the charming woodlands of Shukwa the little tiger beetles rose in successive order advancing on wing only to light again face about several feet ahead as if to make obeisance to the advancing column, and to welcome the visitors into Nature's fairyland.

Every where the spring flowers were blooming, in the open or nestled in the shade of bowers, and the mosses clung to the foot of the trees where Marchantia raised its tiny receptacle-parasols against the morning dew, and lichens cold and grey hugged the trunks of the trees like flattened bullets shot by Druid spirits in aimless target with the breeze.

Now over stones they leaped, and paused on knees to search out the nestling ferns, or silken mosses, or stood beside the stream, upon the shingle bar to drink the beauties for eye out the rippled waters where long green tresses of the water mermaids floated from submerged stone or fallen limb; mermaids, the botanists called Spirogyra, Vaucheria, Cladophora and Oedogonium.

Old barren and decaying stumps of trees often centered attention while with pick hatches the decadent stump was literally torn to pieces and dug from the ground where in its deep chocolate humus mold a score of varied insects lived their cycle with no other thought than to roam through its musty humid mold.

As fast as specimens were brought to light the surrounding students were brought to light the surrounding students were given opportunity to classify the forms exposed, and these were then bottled in apartment boxes to be carried to the laboratory for subsequent study.

Everywhere the botanists found the mushrooms lifting themselves from the forest loam as if to shelter some little spot or woodland nymph from April showers. Fretted with gills, too, they sighed, as if born to breathe the woodland fragrance but for ephemeral span. Far up on the wasting trunks, shattered and old, where entwining vines ascended to the sun and air, lianas upon the dead, they could see the bracket fungi like elfin

shelves that marked the airy perches of the woodland gods; perches whence they took down and order the sweet drama of the woods.

To the physiographers every step was a new lesson. Even the soil they trod was trying to tell its story at every step they took, whether sandy shale from ancient boulders born, or fossil shells that spoke of abysmal seas that once overtopped their path. Jutting rocks beside the river-bed told of undermining action of streams, or boulders disheveled in the bed of the pebbly stream told of days when the topographic level knew no such bed nor stream.

Where horizontal strata of rocks lay upon a truncated and tilted bed below, exposed upon the valley-wall, was clearly shown one of those profound changes of land level of prehistoric times when the subaerial forces knawed upon the face of the uplifted lithosphere, and how sinking by negative diastrophic process beneath the hydrospheric blanket of the ocean, Nature healed over the marred visage with layered depositions brought from continental plains, distant peaks, valley floors, and healing it, lifted the land mass once more into the atmosphere where the weathering gods had fret it into the rock-strewn, forest-clad, fern-grown, Shukwa dell.

Said one of the students as the classes sauntered over the soft forest carpet where through the cloistered temple of the world glimpses of the azure cloud-flecked sky greeted the uplift face to the god of the open sky, "I have lived here nearly all my life, but I never before knew that there were such beautiful scenes near Durant." Beauty is every where, if only it is waked within the soul. The driest dust, and commonest elod, and dust-clad ragweed of August roadside, all have passing beauty incarnate like verdant field, fragrant, bloom, or sun-kissed cloud-emanated peak, if only the soul strikes up the sweet chords of harmony between the inner and outer life.

Upon the boulders, beside the laughing waters, with singing birds, and signing breeze through the trees, beneath the cloud-flecked dome of blue, the classes sat down for their last field dinner. Every where there was the sound of laughter, and an ecstasy born with the day. It was indeed pleasurable, but not without its muffled undertone of sadness to the instructor, for himself inspired by those he sought to inspire, felt the loss of that coming association which has been so pleasant and profitable in his classes, even before the dawn of the days of parting.

A wealth of material was transported to the laboratories for microscopic and taxonomic study that week, and all told the expedition was possibly the best intensive field study ever conducted by the department.

Personal of the field expedition was as follows: M. M. Wickham, director; Floyd Hagood, assistant director; Zoology, Misses Lucile Adams, Carrie May Stephenson, Wilma Mason; Messrs Clarence Allen, Hal Matthews, Harold Haynes, Thomas Krumtum, Walter Lambert, Eugene Faulkner. Botany, Blanche Fontaine, Roy Taylor, Grady Saylor, and John Garner. Physiography, Misses Augusta Pardone, E. O. Wann, Lillah Franklin, Jennie Murphree and Emory Honts.

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SOME BASEBALL STARS OF 1916

The Farm and Small Town furnish Best Material for Big League Timber

Looking over the roster of the big league ball teams you will find fame after name of men who only recently were boys on the farm or in the village or small town. On the other hand, surprisingly few hall from the big cities. And yet, this is not so surprising after all. Even laying aside our knowledge of the big part that the so-called country boy has always played in the great affairs of business and the nation, the country is the place to lay the foundation necessary for athletes.

The photographs shown are familiar to all lovers of the great National game. It is rather interesting to note that in addition to their being representatives of their type in the baseball world all of these stalwart athletes are great endorsers of that beverage you know and like so well—Coca-Cola.

Short Histories of the Players.
There follows short life histories of the ball players whose pictures are shown, their achievements on the diamond and their present affiliations and positions.

JONES, Fister Allison, Manager of St. Louis Browns. Born August 13, 1871, at Shingle House, Pa. Active playing member of the famous Brooklyn team of 1890 to 1900, inclusive, managed by Ned Hanlon.

During the war between the American and National leagues, he went to Chicago during 1901, but did not play until 1902. Continued as player in 1903, and on June 8, 1904, he was appointed manager, winning pennant and world's championship in 1905.

Was elected president of Northwestern League, December, 1911, and remained at head of league, 1912-13-14, resigning to take charge of St. Louis Federal League team, August 23, 1914. Last season he came within one-half game of winning Federal League pennant, finishing nearer the top than any team in major leagues since the Browns in 1893.

He says, Coca-Cola is his favorite beverage.

ALEXANDER, Grover Cleveland, Pitcher Philadelphia Nationals. Born in St. Paul, Nebraska, February 26, 1887, and lives on a farm there now.

Alexander is one of the greatest pitchers in the game today, being practically responsible for the Philadelphia



National League Team winning the pennant last year. He was the leading pitcher of the National League, pitching 49 full games.

Drafted by Philadelphia in August, 1914, with whom he has since played.

He warmly endorses Coca-Cola as a drink for athletes.

BAKER, John Franklin ("Home-Run") Third-baseman, New York Yankees. Born March 28, 1886, at Trappe, Md., and lives on a farm near there at present. Started to play ball with a semi-professional team at Ridgely, Md., and is said to have been offered his first job by Charles Herzog, now manager of Cincinnati, for \$5 a week and board. This was in 1906, when Baker was only 19 years old. With Sparrows Point and Cambridge, Md., in 1907 and 1908. However, was released to Reading, Pa., part of 1908, and drafted by Athletics, which he joined towards the close of the season.

Baker is a terrific hitter, and will prove a tower of strength to the New York Yankees, with which team he will play this season, and incidentally will make them build a bigger fence around the Polo Grounds, where the Yankees play when at home in New York City.

It was during the World's Series of 1912, with New York, that Baker gained the name by which he is now known—"Home Run" Baker.

Coca-Cola, he says, makes a home-run hit with him.

DOYLE, Lawrence, Captain New York National League Club. Born at Caseyville, Ill., July 21, 1886. Second baseman.

Started to play ball with Mattoon semi-professionals in 1905. With Springfield, Ill., in 1907 and later went to New York Nationals, July 22, 1907, for \$4,500, considered a very high price at that time. He has since played with the New York Nationals and was appointed Captain in 1912, which position he has since held with them.

Leading hitter of the National League for the season of 1915. Like all the best of them he is a staunch believer in Coca-Cola.

TINKER, Joseph E. Shortstop and Manager of Chicago Cubs. The talk of the country for the past two years, as the first player of real merit to jump to the Federal League, and as manager of the Chicago club in that league, won the pennant for 1915.

Born July 27, 1880, at Muscatine, Kansas. In 1901, was secured by the Chicago Nationals to play shortstop, which he did from 1902-1912, inclusive. A member of the famous Chicago Cubs when they were at the height of their glory. Released to Cincinnati in 1913, where he managed the Reds and played shortstop that year. Sold to Brooklyn for \$25,000, but did not join team, jumping to the Federal League, which he added to a great extent in organizing. Tinker is a brainy ball player and a clever manager—no wonder he likes Coca-Cola.

There is, by the way, a wonderful similarity between the origin of these ball players and that of the beverage which they endorse. Coca-Cola might be called an agricultural drink, both from the materials it is made of and because of its great popularity in the country as well as in the city. For Coca-Cola, if ever there was a natural, wholesome beverage, is such—it itself is a gift from Nature. Made from Nature's pure water, flavored with the juices of rice fruits, and things that grow and sweetened with Nature's purest, finest sugar—and please particularly remember this last—Coca-Cola contains no artificial sweetening matter but just the best of pure cane sugar. It is this fine combination that gives Coca-Cola its deliciousness of flavor, its distinctively refreshing and thirst-quenching qualities and great wholesomeness. That's why ball players, athletes, fans—all classes and kinds of men and women drink and endorse Coca-Cola. Drink a glass or a bottle and you will be just as enthusiastic about it.

THE MONTH OF MAY

Many Events, Important in American Development, Have Occurred During the Month.

Little as we may think about it, the month of May has seen the occurrence of many events, important in the development of America. A few of them are as follows:

May 1, 1898, Admiral Dewey won the Battle of Manila Bay.

May 2, 1863, Stonewall Jackson wounded.

May 3, 1860, Southern Democrats after taking 57 ballots withdrew from the National Convention at Charleston, S. C.

May 4, 1626, Peter Minuet, the new Dutch governor arrived in New Amsterdam, (Now New York.)

May 5, 1864, The Battle of the Wilderness begun.

May 6, 1777, Burgoyne took command at Quebec of the British army and later lost at Saratoga.

May 7, 1864, General Sherman left Chattanooga for his march to the sea.

May 8, 1660, Charles II proclaimed King of England.

May 9, 1502, Columbus sailed from Cadiz, Spain, on his fourth and last voyage.

May 10, 1865, Jefferson Davis captured at Irwinville, Ga.

May 11, 1864, General Grant wired President Lincoln that he proposed to fight it out on a certain line if it took all summer.

May 12, 1539, DeSota sailed from Havana on the expedition which resulted in the discovery of the Mississippi river.

May 13, 1607, Jamestown, Virginia settled.

May 14, 1804, Lewis and Clark left St. Louis for the Northwest.

May 15, 1867, Maximilian of Mexico captured.

May 16, 1691, Governor Slaughter of New York signed death warrant of predecessor while intoxicated.

May 17, 1672, Joliet and party started expedition to explore the Mississippi river.

May 18, 1738, George Whitefield reached Savannah, Georgia.

May 18, 1902, United States turned island over to the Republic of Cuba.

May 20, 1506, Columbus died at Valladolid.

May 21, 1542, De Sota died, body buried in Mississippi river.

May 22, 1856, Senator Charles Sumner of Massachusetts assaulted in the Senate by Congressman Brooks of South Carolina.

May 23, 1721, Wm. Kidd, famous pirate, executed.

May 24, 1610, Capt. Gen. Gates and 150 immigrants reached Jamestown.

May 25, 1787, work of Constitutional Convention began.

May 26, 1868, the Court of Impeachment dropped the case against President Johnson.

May 27, 1883, James K. Polk nominated for President by Democrats.

May 28, 1754, Washington surrendered to the French.

May 29, 1676, Bacon proclaimed traitor to Governor Berkeley.

May 30, 1854, the Kansas and Nebraska bill became a law.

May 31, 1832, the first Democratic Convention met at Baltimore.

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No. 5 3:10 p. m.
No. 3 2:44 a. m.
No. 9 4:14 a. m.

(Northbound)
No. 6 12:49 p. m.
No. 2 4:10 p. m.
No. 10 12:48 a. m.
No. 4 7:40 a. m.

Frisco Railroad
Eastbound Westbound
10:56 a. m. 8:46 a. m.
7:40 p. m. 6:20 p. m.

M. O. & G. Railroad (Southbound)
No. 9 8:34 a. m.
No. 5 4:15 p. m.
(Northbound)
No. 6 9:15 a. m.
No. 10 4:50 p. m.

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